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Foreword.

"You were not sent to India to study Hinduism, but to preach the Gospel," wrote August Hermann Francke to Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg. Hm! As if a man could not do both, and then preach the better.

Sir Monier Williams at first was surprised and a little troubled, but in the end more than ever impressed with the transcendent truth of our Christian faith; so also Prof. S. H. Kellogg and Max Mueller. Dr. Duff urged the importance of a thorough knowledge of the systems a missionary must meet and illustrated his point by Akbar, who twice visited India in disguise before setting out to conquer it. Ram Chandra Bose, M. A., a converted Brahman, made the same plea.

Since we are sending workers into foreign fields, our people should know something of the religions we are battling. This booklet was written to inform and interest them, and it is published by resolution of several pastoral conferences. God bless the effort!

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I.

The Bible of Christianity.

“My sins! My sins!! My sins!!!” wailed the despairing Luther in the cloister. Why? Taught that the “righteousness of God” was the righteousness God demands from the sinner, Luther tried his utmost to produce that righteousness. But his restless conscience told him he was not perfect, and he hated Christ, who would damn him though doing his very best.

It pleased God to reveal His Son in Luther. While preparing his lectures on Rom. 1, 16. 17, it flashed upon him “the righteousness of God” was not the righteousness God demands from the sinner, but the righteousness God gives to the sinner through faith for the sake of Christ’s work done for us.

As a master-key fits all the locks, so this meaning fitted all the texts of the righteousness of God. Quite sure this was the meaning of the genitive, Luther saw heaven opened, God his Father, Christ his Savior, felt himself reborn. Justification by faith in Christ freed Luther, and thereby Luther freed the world.

Without Christ, men are without God and without hope. Eph. 2, 12; John 14, 6; Acts 4, 12.

And the Bible was written "that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that, believing, ye might have life through His name." John 20, 31.

II.

The Bible of Judaism

is the Old Testament. Though Moses and the Prophets speak concerning Christ, Luke 24, 27; John 1, 45; Rev. 19, 10, the modern Jews have "taken away my Lord." Israel Zangwill said the religion of the modern Jew is: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." They have the Law of Moses; they have not the grace and truth of Jesus Christ. John 1, 17. Modern Judaism has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of the powerful international Judaism.

III.

The Bible of Islamism,

the Saving Faith of Submission, is the Koran, or Quran, 114 suras, or chapters, some of them two or three thousand verses, alleged to have been given by God personally to Muhammad, or Mohammed, who had traveled on the ass Borak, or Lightning, from Mekka to Jerusalem and then

straight to heaven. The original is said now to be under God's throne. The Quran is never touched with unwashed hands; it is never carried below the waist or laid on the floor.

Mohammed was descended from Abraham through Ishmael and born at Mekka about 570. The poor orphan at twenty-five married Khadijeh, a wealthy widow of forty. His uncle-in-law, Waraka, introduced him to the Hanifs, or Penitents, who believed in a hodgepodge of a corrupted Judaism and a corrupted Christianity — and that is Mohammedanism. Mohammed called the Bible "the previous Scriptures, a Light and Guide to mankind," yet he treated them as if they never had been.

Among the twenty-two minor prophets is Alexander the Great. The major prophets are Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and, last and greatest of all, Mohammed, or "the Glorious." At about forty he began to preach. After four years he had nine followers; after six years he had forty, mostly relatives. The people of Mekka persecuted the new religion, and on June 30, 622, Mohammed was forced to make his Hegira, or flight, to Medina, the City, *i. e.*, of the Prophet. This was made the starting-point of the Moslem Calendar, A. H.

Here he began the Jihad, or Holy War, killing all idolaters refusing to become Moslems, or Believers. He repeatedly instigated assassination.

Sales says the Prophet was present at twenty-seven robberies of caravans. Six hundred Jewish soldiers surrendered; the Prophet ordered their massacre. His share of the captives was 200 women and children, says Koelle.

This missionary method made 120,000 converts in ten years. He died 632 A. D., or 11 A. H.

The Mohammedan creed is, "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet." Allah is Will, or Kismet, or Fate, and the Moslem is one who absolutely submits to that distant despot on a frosty throne. "Father" is not among the ninety-nine names of Allah which are repeated with ninety-nine beads on the Mohammedan rosary.

From the minaret of every mosque the muezzin calls to prayer, or azan: 1. between dawn and sunrise; 2. in the early afternoon; 3. in the late afternoon; 4. after sunset; 5. before midnight. Wherever he may be and whatever he may be doing, the Moslem gets out his prayer rug and prays facing Mekka.

Friday every one attends the early afternoon prayer and sermon in the Great Mosque. There are no seats, and all remove their shoes on entering. There is no priest; any one can be the prayer-leader, or imam.

Not a bit of bread and not a drop of water pass the lips of the Faithful in daytime during the whole month of Ramadan.

Liberal almsgiving is a religious duty. "Lay out in alms a part of the wealth whereof God hath made you inheritors." Caliph Omar II said: "Prayer carries the believer half way to God, fasting brings him to His door, and alms admits him."

The Mohammedan monks are the strolling dervishes in rags and with disheveled hair, dancing till exhausted before Allah and insolently demanding alms for a living.

Once in his life every Moslem must make the Sacred Haj, or pilgrimage, to Mekka, walk around the Sacred Mosque, and kiss the Kaaba, or Black Stone, seven times, drink the sacred water, and pelt Satan. Before going, he tries to pay all debts.

Childmurder, wine, gambling, and usury are forbidden; slavery is permitted.

A Moslem may have as many concubines as he likes alongside of four regular wives; and these he may divorce any time without any reason. Lane says many men in ten years have married thirty wives.

Mohammed usually had a dozen wives, for which Allah gave a permit by special revelations. "Your Lord is quick to gratify your lusts," remarked Ayesha, his favorite, whom he married when she was only nine. He committed adultery with Zainab, the wife of his adopted son, and forced him to divorce her and give her up to the Prophet, who, as usual, got a special permit from God, who thus became the abettor of vice.

Women are not educated, and they may not enter a mosque. A few years ago, at Nippur, wives sold for two to sixty dollars.

All who do not accept Allah are infidels and go to hell. The Faithful go to a sort of purgatory, and praying for the dead is a profitable business. If the Faithful die in battle, they at once go to a paradise of marble halls with gold couches, flowing silk robes, fruits and flowers, and marry "bright and large-eyed maids like hidden pearls, a reward for that which they have done."

After his death Mohammed was adored even by heavenly beings, and became the mediator between Allah and the Moslems, and for all practical purposes he is treated as divine.

Mohammed foretold 73 sects; to-day there are over 150, and bitter is the strife between them. In the eighteenth century Abd-al-Wahdab founded the Wahhabis, a puritanic sect, "like the Reformation of Luther in Germany." The Sufis, from *sufa*, coarse woolen clothing, are the mystics. They practise poverty; hence *fakir*, poor man, and dervish, mendicant. They fast and meditate in silent solitude and in ecstasy endlessly repeat the name of Allah.

There are no regular priests, but every one of the 250,000,000 Faithful is a zealous missionary, the greatest Laymen's Missionary Movement the world has ever seen, the bitterest of all foes of the

Christians for their faith in the Godhead of Christ.

In our days Kemal Pasha is opening the harems, forbidding polygamy, and knocking the orthodox fez from the heads of the Turks.

Islamism has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Mohammedanism.

IV.

The Bible of Babism,

or Bahaism, or Babi-Behaism, are the 20,000 inspired obscure verses in bad Arabic, made at the rate of 10,000 in thirty-six hours by the uneducated Mirza Ali Mohammed, a twenty-four-year-old Sayyed, or descendant of the Prophet, but of the Shiites, or sectarian Mohammedans, who in 1844 called himself the Bab, or Gate, the Promised Guide of the coming Imam, or Savior. Soon after he claimed to be himself the Imam, or Manifestation of God, and was accepted as such by his followers.

The Sunnis, or orthodox Moslems, persecuted him and executed him in 1850, at thirty. His body is in a specially built shrine at St. Jean d'Acre, the holy place of Bahaism.

The Bab appointed as his successor Subh-i-Ezel, "The Dawn of Eternity." A split was headed by his elder brother, Beha-ullah, "The

Light of God," who became the second founder of the religion now known as Babi-Behaism. He designated as his successor his son Abdul Beha, who made a papal claim. He died in 1921 and was buried on Mount Carmel. Some Behais treat the Bab and Beha and Abdul as a sort of trinity of divine manifestation.

The twelve principles are:—

1. The oneness of mankind.
2. Independent search of truth.
3. The foundation of all religions is one.
4. Religion must be the cause of unity.
5. Religion must agree with science and reason.
6. Equality between men and women.
7. All prejudice must be forgotten.
8. Universal peace.
9. Universal education.
10. Solution of the economic problem.
11. An international auxiliary language.
12. An international tribunal.

People need not leave their churches, but must in them teach Babism. "The deity is called Maana, the Meaning or Reality of all things"; not a person.

Dr. Shedd, of Urumiah, in Persia, writes: "There is a community of brotherly love, dignity combined with courtesy; leisure with labor; the cultivation of all useful arts and the prohibition of all that are useless; elevation of women; gen-

eral elementary education; provision for the poor, strict prohibition of mendicancy and tramps; children treated with gentleness; animals with kindness; no persecution for conscience' sake."

Babism has a few followers in the United States; their center is in Wilmette, near Chicago. Babism has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Babism.

V.

The Bible of Hinduism

are the Vedas, Divine Knowledge, of the ancient Aryans in India, given through Rishis, Holy Men, often while drunk on Soma. Out of the Vedas grew Brahmanism, which absorbed much of Buddhism and thus became modern Hinduism. The most important one of them is the Rig Veda, Book of Verses, 1,028 hymns, five times the size of our Psalms, the oldest Indo-European literature, composed between 2000 and 1000 B. C. There are prayers to some forty-two gods; the most important to Indra, regent of rain; another to Varuna, the sky; others to Dyaus Pitar, Heaven-Father, and to Prithivi Matar, Earth-Mother.

The Brahmanas, or Priestlies, are the oldest prose writings. The most important is called, and treats of, the Asva-medha, Horse Sacrifice, which takes a whole year, begun with slaying 609

animals by hired priests, raised to the level of the gods, which "redeems all sin."

The Upanishads, *séances*, advance the doctrine of Brahma. The Laws of Manu, in twelve chapters, give some wise maxims.

The Bhagavad Gita, Song of the Adorable Lord, is the most highly esteemed, written about the second century B. C. It tells of Krishna urging Arjuna to battle even if 1,660,000,000 warriors will be killed and less than ten survive, because, after all, there is no reality in the killing.

The Ramayana, written by Valmiki in the fifth century B. C., is the second greatest book in India. It tells of the victory of Rama over Ravana. "Now there is no other meritorious deed in the whole world but this one, to worship the Brahmans in thought, word, and deed." The Puranas are eighteen Old Tales of 400,000 verses, shortened from millions, a book of origins, a sort of Genesis.

Brahm produced from its own substance an egg containing the seeds of everything; it grew to wondrous size, burst, and the creatures came forth. Out came the Hindu Triad, or Trimurti: Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva. Brahma, the Creator, married Sarasvati, the goddess of learning; Vishnu, the Preserver and Redeemer, married Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth; Shiva, the Destroyer, married Uma, or Parvati, or Durga, or

Kali. From Brahm came the 330,000,000 gods and the Brahmans.

Hinduism is pantheism — everything flows from Brahm and returns to Brahm. Brahm is part of everything, and everything is part of Brahm. "Each of us is a form of God." "Man is a mere illusion." Life is Maya, like walking in your sleep. Brahm is responsible for all things, and so there is no real personal sin.

The gods of Hinduism are a bad lot: Brahma has a guilty passion for his own daughter; Indra commits many crimes; Siva is "the lord of thieves" and patron of lust. His wife Durga, or Kali, has her shrine at Kalighat, from which Calcutta is named; two dead bodies are her earrings, skulls are her necklace, dead men's hands are her girdle and only clothing. She delights in murder, and the thugs worship her altar for success on their murdering expeditions. Krishna had 16,000 love affairs. Rudra is the god of thieves, brigands, hunters, fakirs, and the religious beggars, of whom there are some 40,000,000 in India. The limbs of one god dropped off because of his immorality.

The worship of such gods is naturally debasing. "Religious fervor is only too apt to degenerate into that very state of sexual excitation which devotional exercises should surely tend to repress," says the *Britannica*. At the Caves of Elephants is the Linga Shrine with the famous symbol of reproduction and its actually sensualizing in-

fluence on the worshipers, as is evidenced by the indescribably obscene representations on some of the Hindu temples, "the sculptured horrors," as Kipling calls them.

In the famous Monkey Temple these animals are fed with the utmost reverence, for they may be our own fathers or grandfathers in another life. The temple is dedicated to the horrible Durga, or Kali, and daily sacrifices of goats are made to the bloodthirsty goddess; little children were slain before the British came. Yonder is a Linga Shrine, to which the girl to be married to-morrow must come to take part in a ceremony that would inexpressibly shock any barbaric Westerner. Temple girls loaf in the doorway of temples. Lingas are sold.

Girls are "married to the gods," which means, in plain English, they are prostitutes for the priests. The songs and dances of the Nautch girls are very immoral, and the Brahmans are fond of them in their recluses, where "they live on the food provided by the faithful," as Buddha accuses them. Many of the Hindu hymns are so filthy they cannot be printed in civilized lands, as Max Mueller had to admit.

Woman has no soul, and it is a sin for her to read her Bible, the Vedas. She is so degraded that a Brahman must stop reading his Bible while she is passing his door.

A wife may not eat along with her husband, her god, whose slave she is, shown by the "iron bracelet" placed on her at marriage. Marriage at five or six was a religious duty, and babes are born to parents of twelve years. Widowhood is a punishment for crime committed in a former existence. Polygamy and polyandry are practised.

Hinduism is unique for its castes: 1. The Brahmans, priestly or literary; 2. the Kshatriyas, rulers and soldiers; 3. the Vaisyas, farmers and merchants; 4. the Sudras, the conquered races, who serve the twice-born upper classes; 5. the Panchamas, including the Parias, the outcasts and untouchables. Now there are about 2,000 sub-castes, who may not marry and eat with one another. Observe caste, and you may believe and live as you please. Among the many sects the common bond is the worship of the cow; a blessed way to die is holding a cow's tail. Foreigners, though the rulers, are unclean. Only the first four castes may enter Hindu temples.

"The gods are subject to the mantras [charms] and the mantras to the Brahmans." The Brahmans are the gods with almost boundless power over the Hindu minds. If a Brahman loses caste, he can regain it by swallowing the sacred pill, made of cow's milk, curds, butter, dung, and urine. They have hospitals for animals and keep sacred snakes, rats, cows, and monkeys, but they show shocking cruelty to the needy, the sick, and the

dying. Kulin Brahmans are "much married," selling themselves as husbands to countless wives, whose friends pay a good round sum for the honor of having daughters married to such powerful personages.

Since the days of Alexander foreigners have wondered at the respect shown the sadhus, ascetics, pilgrims with a rosary, a staff, a begging bowl, often a pipe for smoking hemp and other drugs, sometimes wearing a yellow robe, or rags, or only a loin cloth. They often lie on a bed of spikes, or hang head downward above a smoky fire, or wear enormous weights, or measure their length along the road for hundreds of miles. Most of them are ignorant, many are coarse and immoral, no better than vagabonds. Salvation is by such "good works."

Under the blazing sun sat a fakir, or holy man, who had allowed one of his legs to grow stiff across the back of his neck to get rid of his sins. Another lay on a bed of spikes. Still another had held his hand clinched till the finger-nails had grown through the palm and actually stuck out from the back. There is hardly a respectable house in Bengal where the mistress has not shed her blood to satisfy her goddess. The business year begins with the Feast of Dewali, when they worship a rupee and their account books.

"The soul, which is the size of the thumb, dwells in the middle of the body." At death it

passes into another body, and so on; a gold thief one thousand times. There are 2,160,000 years of purgatory, and they pray for the dead.

Benares is the holy city, 80,000 steps nearer heaven than any other. It takes over a hundred ceremonies to go through the 2,000 temples with 500,000 idols. The idols are aroused from sleep by terrible alarms from conch shells, bathed, dressed, fed, and given joy-rides in a god-car. It takes six years to make a full pilgrimage of the holy river Ganges. Die in holy Benares, and you are saved; bathe in the sacred Ganges, and you wash away all sin.

A Brahman said: "Englishmen rule over us because their religion produces high moral virtues, of which we have not a vestige."

The British have raised the age of child marriage from eight years to twelve. The suttee, burning of the widow, and human sacrifices have been abolished. Mothers no longer throw their children into the sacred Ganges River. Death by falling under the wheels of the temple cars has been stopped. Over twenty laws against heathen practises have been passed.

Sir Monier Williams believes "the religion of most of the Hindus is simple demonolatry."

Hindus refuse Christ: they have always had Him; He is, they say, the same as their god Vishnu.

On July 28, 1925, Ghandi told the Calcutta Missionary Conference: "I find a solace in the 'Bhagavad Gita,' in the 'Upanishads,' that I miss even in the Sermon on the Mount."

The Bible of Hinduism has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Hinduism.

VI.

The Bible of Buddhism

are the Tri Pitaka, or Three Baskets, 600,000 stanzas from the sayings of Sarvarthasiddha, or Siddhartha, or Siddhattho, of the family of Gautama, of the tribe of Sakya, who became a Muni, or monk, and the Buddha, or Enlightened One.

He was born in India or Africa between 1029 and 622 B. C. and died at some time between 950 and 400, according to Rhys Davids, a great authority on Buddhism.

Disgusted with the world, the twenty-one-year-old prince made "the Great Renunciation" by secretly leaving his father's throne, his harem, "the noble virgin" he had married, Yosidhara, his little boy Rahula, and became a begging monk. He solved the high cost of living by living on one grain of rice a day; in the end he bit off more than he could chew and died of too big a piece of pork.

At Gaya is a temple with the oldest sculpture

in all India. Here, under the shade of a fig-tree, now the sacred Bodhi, Tree of Wisdom, he was tempted by Mara with hunger, ambition, and sensuality, but he came off victorious. He found: 1. Existence is sorrow. 2. The cause of sorrow is thirst, or desire. 3. The cure of sorrow is the destruction of thirst. He rose up the Buddha, the Enlightened One. Some call him "India's Martin Luther."!?!

1. The soul is the result of the combined action of five Skandhas, as the flame comes from the burning of a candle, never the same for two seconds; no being, only a becoming.

2. Trishna is a sort of original sin. By our own choice and action it ripens into Upadana. At death it enters into some other body.

3. Karma, "the doing," man's record, a score that must be settled. When the flame of the soul is blown out, this karma must enter some other body of god, man, or beast.

4. Nirvana, extinction, "the utter destruction of malice, passion, and delusion. Utter death, with no life to follow, is a result of Nirvana."

Buddhism is without a personal god, without an immortal soul, without a vicarious savior, redemption worked out by each one for himself without any prayers, sacrifices, and penances, without divine mercy. So says *The Buddhist Catechism* by Subhadra, p. 58. He considers as

the chief exponent of Buddhism Rhys Davids, who says: "I can find no evidence of any actual or direct communication of these ideas common to Buddhism and Christianity from the East to the West."

By ourselves is evil done,
By ourselves we pain endure,
By ourselves we cease from wrong,
By ourselves become we pure.

No one saves us but ourselves,
No one can, and no one may;
We ourselves must tread the Path,
Buddhas only show the way.

It is good to keep on meditating on a corpse eaten by worms.

The Christian asks, "What must I do to be saved?" The Buddhist asks, "What must I do to be annihilated?"

The Buddhist is a monk who shaves his head, dresses in yellow rags, begs his rice, and is unmarried. Of course, soldiers, laborers, slaves, children, and the sick cannot join the order. The best the layman can do is to support the Sangha, or Order. By his gifts he may earn a chance to be born again as a monk in order to reach Nirvana, nothingness. The Buddhist may not take life; thus hunting and wars of aggression are condemned.

For the Buddhist women there are eighteen special hells; but if they live virtuously through

1,500 rebirths, they may be born as boys and at last reach Nirvana, nothingness. A man may go into retreat and be a celibate for a month, and then he is rid of all his female companions and free to marry whom he likes. It is wrong to love; there is no morality. Women and children are despised.

Buddha said: "A wise man should avoid married life as if it were a pit of burning coal." The people complained: "Gautama is breaking up family life."

Rich Chinese Buddhists have many wives, and in addition purchase concubines, whom they do not marry.

Buddha said: "I see no one in the heavenly worlds, nor among gods and men, whom it would be proper for me to honor." He left no god to worship, and so his followers worship him as god. The atheist Buddha is called Lord of the World, Jagan-natha (Juggernaut), and his image is carted about in a car full of obscene carvings.

Prayer is offered to Buddha by means of prayer-flags, also by wheels turned by hand or by mountain brooks. These prayers contain the words: "Om mani padme hum" (Oh, the jewel in the Lotus! Amen). Worship is offered three times a day over Buddha's relics with flowers and perfumes and music. The laity visit the temple for confession and to hear the sacred book read. Great merit is gotten by simply repeating the name of Buddha many times.

The god of the floods is embodied in a common water-snake. Even Li Hung Chang worshiped one that had crawled into a temple.

Chum-ti, the female Buddha, has great powers of sorcery.

You may easily break your promise; for you can easily make another just as good.

You must be kind to insect and beast, but you may sell the children of the poor for debt, and you need not bother about the ailments of your wife and children. The "white elephant" is held sacred in the royal stables of Siam.

Priests are paid for praying. Like the Catholic monks, they vow poverty, chastity, and obedience. They are so corrupt that Japanese papers openly condemn them for their immorality.

In China, criminals may escape punishment by becoming priests, bankrupts escape debts by going into a monastery.

Every Siamese man is expected to spend part of his life in a monastery. In Bangkok alone there are said to be 20,000 begging priests.

In Ceylon, at Kandy, is the sacred pond with the sacred turtles. On the outer walls of the temple are pictures of hell, where the punishment fits the crime of the sinner. Inside is the most precious treasure, the left eye-tooth of Buddha, in a golden receptacle, which is worshiped with prayer and money at a special festival.

In the tower are the three Pitakas in the original Pali, bound with inlaid covers, decorated with precious jewels; the pages are about two feet by two inches in size.

In Tibet Buddhism became a system like Romanism. It has 500,000 monks and nuns of many grades in 1,026 monasteries; it has bells and rosaries and holy water and images and incense and mystic rites; its shaven priests, in surplised robes, with double choirs and processions, worship the saints and the double Virgin in gorgeous cathedrals; it has a powerful hierarchy with cardinals and, above all, the Dalai-Lama, with a tiara on his head, the infallible pope, the incarnation and vicegerent of God on earth, in a palace of about five hundred rooms.

Buddha called himself the "Eye of Asia"; some Europeans call him the "Light of Asia."

Buddha refused the armed forces of his royal disciples, and many followers became zealous missionaries. Buddhism is the "Oriental banian," spreading all over Asia. In Japan alone there are "nine principal sects and forty-two subsects." Buddhists number about 137,935,000. They imitate Christianity to fight Christianity.

Buddhism has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Buddhism.

VII.

The Bible of Sikhism

is the Granth, the Book, of Nanak, who revolted against Brahmanism as Luther against Romanism, "and it is a strange coincidence that the teaching of both Luther and Nanak was synchronous and that they were born and died within a few years of each other."

He was born in 1469, near Lahore, in the Punjab, on the Ravi, known to the Greeks as Hydaspes. He became the divine Guru, or teacher, of the one true God and tried to unite Hindu and Moslem, and the people said God was speaking in Nanak. Blind obedience to him was an essential article of faith. Contact with him brought salvation to the most criminal. He was deified. He forbade female infanticide and the burning of widows. He condemned idolatry and asceticism.

Like Moody and Sankey, Nanak preached, and Mardana sang, on various revival journeys, and made many converts.

Sikh is a disciple of Sat Nam, True Name. The Granth Saheb, Lord Book, is venerated in the most beautiful Golden Temple in the Pool of Immortality at Amritsar.

The Sikhs are vegetarians and do not smoke, shave, or cut their hair. They abhor the hog and

venerate the cow. There is no sacrifice, and the soul is absorbed in the world soul.

“By God’s grace man obtaineth divine knowledge.” “How shall deliverance be obtained? I am a sinner; Thou are the Pardoner.”

In Sikhism there is no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Sikhism.

VIII.

The Bible of Jainism

are the Agamas, Precepts, or Siddhantas, Treatises of Vahamana Mahavira, Great Hero, born about 600 B. C. in Vesali, the second son of a Rajah in Northeast India. The Jains, however, claim there were twenty-three great teachers before. One of them, called Parsva, in the eighth century, was the real founder. He taught the necessity of four vows, namely, not injuring life, not telling a falsehood, not stealing, not having property except clothes. Mahavira added a vow of strict chastity and forbade clothes.

Mahavira married and had a daughter. At thirty he became a naked ascetic and preached begging asceticism. He condemned praying and even talking about a god. The best way out of the misery of life is by austerity and even self-starvation. Karma causes rebirth in this miser-

able world according to deeds done in a former life. By accumulating good works, a man may be reborn a god and remain a god as long as his stock of good works lasts. The freed souls of men who have become Jina, or victorious, are above the gods, for they are never born again. The goal of salvation is Nirvana, nothingness. The soul depends upon no one else for its progress. Women are condemned as the cause of all sinful acts; they may be saved after being reborn as men. The Jains are the followers of the Jina, another name for Mahavira.

They are noted for their animal hospitals, where diseased cows, horses, cats, dogs, and even insects are housed, these being as sacred as Christ and Mahavira himself. "Snakes are not excluded, but children are not admitted." Bishop Thoburn writes: "Even vermin are tolerated and protected." The Jati hold no property and never quit their dwellings but to beg for food; their bodies and clothes are full of dirt and vermin.

After his death the atheist was worshiped by priests in temples as a god come down from the great Vimana, palace of the gods.

Jainism has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Jainism.

IX.

The Bible of Confucianism

are the "Five Classics" and the "Four Books," compiled and edited by Kung-Fu-Tze, or Kung the Master, generally called Confucius, born at Lu in Shan-tung about 551 B. C. He called himself "a transmitter, not an originator." His only contribution is the Silver Rule: "Do not do to others what you would not have them do to you," which is expressed in a single picture letter, "Reciprocity," leaving an open door to revenge. The *Analects* are sayings of Confucius collected by his disciples.

Confucianism is agnosticism; every man is born good and master of his own destiny. The state is everything, the individual nothing; the good of the people is the only religion; every man is to do his duty in his own place.

"Respect the gods, but let them alone." "To keep away from spiritual beings may be wisdom." Prayer consists of virtuous conduct.

The emperor, on the morning of the winter solstice, worships Shangte, Supreme Ruler of the Universe, at the white marble Altar to Heaven. On the morning of the summer solstice he worships at the dark-colored marble Altar to Earth. He worships for himself and as the representative of the people. Being the Son of Heaven, he is worshiped as such.

Every family has a shrine, be it only a shelf, where stand the wooden tablets of the ancestors, before which incense is burned daily, with ceremonial prostrations. In addition, bowls of food are offered twice a month. In spring the ancestral burying-grounds are visited, food and wine are offered, large quantities of paper representing money are burned. Every man should become a father and thus a god.

In the seventeenth century Ricci and other Jesuits declared this ancestral worship only a civil rite and not against Christianity; but the Pope sided with the Dominicans and condemned it.

Confucius was married unhappily and had contempt for conjugal fidelity and permitted concubines. Men must have mothers, and so woman is a necessary evil. A wife may be divorced "for talking too much." Woman is bought and sold for domestic service, for the stage, for immoral purposes. In May, 1897, Mrs. Isabella Bishop said at a meeting of the Zenana Missionary Society that "of eleven Bible women whom she had seen at a meeting in China there was not one that had not put an end to at least five girl babies."

Confucius really denies sin. Gordon Poteat, in *Home Letters from China*, declares the real trouble with China is — sin. (*World's Work*, July, 1924.) The Rev. A. Smith, in *Chinese Characteristics*, holds the only remedy for China

to be Christian civilization. Our Missionary Arndt asked a poor Chinaman what he would do if left with small children on the death of the wife. "Sell children, buy wife." (*Lutheran Witness*, July 29, 1924.)

Dr. Legge traces the lying habit of the Chinese directly to the example of Confucius himself. Confucius admitted he had not become a perfect sage nor even reached the level of the "superior man"; yet this atheist, after death, was made a god, and in 1,560 red-walled temples 62,606 animals have yearly been offered on the altars. These temples are the Chinese Valhalla, or Hall of Fame; in a particular order a large number of tablets, with the names of Confucius, Mencius, and other worthies, are ranged in spring and autumn, offerings of food and wine are set before these tablets. The local officials, in full dress, gather early, burn incense, and prostrate themselves before the tablet of Confucius, musicians play, and actors perform. As late as 1914 Yuan Shi Kai, the first President, did this; soon after he died and himself became a god, just like the emperors before him.

The Chinese despise us "foreign devils" as upstarts in culture. Sun Yat Sen foretold a battle between Confucianism and Christianity.

X.

The Bible of Taoism,

or The Way, is the Tao-teh-king of Lao-tse, "Old Boy," because "he was eighty years old when born," a little before Confucius, 604 B. C.

Taou is the shadowy mother of all things and the gods. All things come through evolution: "Nature is seen to do everything for herself, without the meddling of a god." Confucius could not grasp the teaching of Lao-tse, the only one outside of Christianity to preach the Golden Rule: "Re-compense evil with good." Lao-tse was against education because that was against the simple life. Like Thomas Jefferson, he taught people are best governed when least governed. Good and evil bring their own reward and punishment in this life.

An image of this atheist is now worshiped in temples reared in his honor. To-day an army of priests and priestesses act between the people and the gods and pretend to cast out evil spirits, from which the priests enrich themselves; they also sell the "pills of immortality." This fear of evil spirits is the "delirium tremens of paganism," as Dr. Griffis calls it.

The Taoist pope lives in luxury on Dragon and Tiger Mountain in Kiangsi. Monks sometimes go insane from fasting. Polygamy is practised. The soul goes to a purgatory of torment;

if it does not reform there, it goes to a hell of endless pain. Doré's pictures of Dante's *Inferno* are mild compared with the pictures of the sinners suffering in the Taoist Temple of Hell. The Dragon is the symbol of Taoism, which to-day is simple devil-worship and the bitterest foe of Christianity, largely to blame for the Boxer uprising in 1900, the priests often leading the mobs against the Christian Chinese, of whom thousands were faithful to Christ unto death.

Taoism has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Taoism.

XI.

The Bible of Shintoism,

"the Way of the Gods," the national religion of Japan, are 1. The Jo-ji-ki, Records of Ancient Matters, of 712 A. D., the most obscene sacred scriptures. 2. The Nihon-gi, Chronicles of Japan, of 720 A. D. 3. The Yengi-shiki, Institutes of the Period of Yengi, 901—923 A. D., fifty books. 4. The Manyo-shiu, Collection of Ten Thousand Leaves, 400 poems, of the ninth century.

The first Mikado, Jimmu, was born of the Sun-goddess without any male deity and is worshiped. In 1880 there were 183,047 shrines. There are 800 myriads of Kami, gods, some very filthy.

Shinto, oddly enough, is a Chinese word. It is nature-worship, and so the morality and theology are naturalistic; it was quite general to worship the sexual organs.

There are about 8,000,000 gods. Inari is the fox-god, and the foxes of his great temple at Kyoto are greatly respected. The American discoverer of coal-mines in Japan was gratefully made a god, or Kami, even before he died in Philadelphia.

Visitors to the great shrine at Kizuki number 250,000 yearly. Over 10,000 pilgrims climb Mount Fuji every summer. The pilgrims to Ise number 500,000 yearly. "They are really picnic parties flavored with piety." The shrines contain a mirror, the emblem of the god.

There are more than 58,000 shrines. The worshiper calls the attention of the god to his prayers by ringing a bell or striking a gong, or clapping his hands; he also makes an offering of money. The small back room is the holy place, entered only by the priests. There is no preaching and no congregational worship. There is holy water and often a stage for holy shows and dances. There is no creed, no theology. Work is a religious act and done with prayer.

By paying a sen or two to the priest at the shrine, you can draw a lot for good luck. Shintoism is the worship of divine ancestors. "Follow your natural impulses and obey the laws of the state," is the gist of religion.

Women are enslaved, often holy dancers at the shrines. Temple beggars sing the brave deeds of their gods from door to door, receiving gifts to support the priests.

Twice a year paper manikins are solemnly thrown into the river as a cleansing from sin. A father can compel a daughter to lead a sinful life to help him pay his debts. "Shinto is the religion of religions." "Japan is the country of the gods, and her people are the descendants of the gods." "Japan is not a land where men need to pray, for 'tis itself divine."

It is the duty of Japan to make the Mikado "the supreme temporal and spiritual ruler of the world."

The *Milwaukee Herald* of May 27, 1926, says in the Gokodu temple at Tokyo a monument was dedicated and divine worship held for the peace of the departed spirits of the elephants who had furnished ivory for Japanese art and industries.

S. Shiba, editor of the *Japan Times and Mail* of Tokyo, is not a Christian, but he says: "No amount of sophistry will hide the fact that it is the Christian workers and Christian civilization that have lifted Japan above the darkness of old ideas and backward customs and put her on the path of progress and higher culture. . . . Her tutors have been neither Buddhists nor Confucianists, but the Christians with their Christian civilization. . . . The Christian ideas may be said

to have already conquered the country." — *Lit. Dig.*, May 8, 1926, p. 32.

Shintoism has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Shintoism.

XII.

The Bible of Parseeism

of the Parsi, or Persians, is the Avesta, Book of Knowledge, directly revealed to Zarathushtra, or Zoroaster, who lived sometime somewhere — maybe. The Zend is the explanation of the Avesta.

King Vishtaspas had the twenty-one books written on 12,000 cowhides and kept in a vault at Persepolis, where they were burned in 333 B. C. by Alexander the Great when drunk or for revenge, and ever since he is called "the accursed Alexander."

When the scimitar of Caliph Omar forced Islam on the Persians, a few thousand hid in the mountains, and their descendants, called Cuebres or Ghebers, still live about Teheran. Many fled farther south, where they were called Parsees, corrupted from Parsis, meaning Persians. Most of them live in Bombay.

The Supreme Being created Ormuzd, or Oromasdes, or Ahura-Mazda, the source of all good, who created man and made him happy. Ahriman is their devil. There is a coming Messiah, judg-

ment, resurrection of the body, heaven, and hell. Farming is the best work. The Parsees do not worship fire, but kindling fire in their homes and temples is an act of worship, a symbol of the glory and power of their god. The seven archangels are only personifications of his attributes.

A high priest has authority, and he alone is able to understand their scripture. The priests' service begins at midnight, when evil spirits are worst. Herodotus, "the father of history," writes: "It is not customary for them to have idols made, temples built, and altars erected; they even upbraid with folly those who do so." The priesthood is hereditary; the dashtoor, or priest, confirms the youth at fifteen and puts on them the sacred shirt and string; he prays over the dying and the dead. The priests were called Magi, whence we get magic.

When a Parsee sins, he confesses to his priest and does penance as commanded, killing vicious animals or saying extra prayers. Priests receive the tenth.

Marriage is sacred, divorce not legal, polygamy forbidden. Plural wives are allowed in cases of barrenness. The wife is the social equal of her husband and mistress of the home.

The Avesta is free from lewd and cruel descriptions of their god and directions for worship. The Parsees take care of their poor, like the Jews, better than any other non-Christian peoples.

A corpse cannot be buried, for the earth is holy; it cannot be burned, for the fire is holy; it cannot be drowned, for the water is holy. It is borne to the circular roof of a "tower of silence," where it is swiftly devoured by vultures.

Parseeism is the purest of all ethnic religions. Its essence is that pure thoughts must go out into true words and end in right actions. Every man is his own savior.

After death the soul lingers for three days and then goes to its long home across the abyss on a razor; the good Parsee on the flat side, the bad Parsee on the sharp edge. The deeds, in the book of the recording angel, are weighed. If the good are the heavier, the soul goes to heaven, "the house of hymns"; if not, to hell; if they balance, to Hamast-gehan, or purgatory. Prayer is offered for the dead.

Prayers are in Zend, which is as Latin to the Catholics. The pious pray sixteen times a day before a fire, with mouth covered, that no unholy saliva fall into the holy fire.

The Parsees have a millennium. Three great prophets will appear to perpetuate life, check the influence of the devil, and restore truth and the Zoroastrian religion. One of these will bring the new Parsee Bible, which has hitherto been unknown.

The Parsees are universalists. In the end the great prophet Sosyosh will raise the dead, judge

the world, and at last even the damned will go to heaven.

It seems Zoroaster borrowed from the Old Testament of the Jews in the Babylonian Captivity.

The Parsees are proud of their position and religion and do not see why they should become Christians. But they have no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Parseeism.

XIII.

The Bible of Theosophy

is "Isis Unveiled," by Helena Petrowna, Countess von Hahn, born in Russia, who ran away at seventeen to marry the aged N. W. Blavatsky, Vice-Governor in the Caucasus, whom she left after a few months. In 1873 she came to New York and with Colonel Henry Olcott, in 1875, founded the Theosophical Society. She claims to have gotten her revelations from the Mahatmas in the desert of Gobi, who are not angels or spirits, but some invisible beings, who may, or may not, wear bodies, travel like lightning to drop letters from the ceiling to their disciples. No one has ever seen them; you must simply believe that they exist.

Others assert her book was largely copied from *Dogme et Rituel de la Haute Magie* of Louis Con-

stant, a former Catholic priest, and from Donnelly's *Atlantis*. Madame Coulomb, who had been in league with Blavatsky, proved her a fraud — the Mahatma letters were in the handwriting of Blavatsky. The London Psychic Society sent a commission to India, which found the whole thing a swindle. She died in London in 1891.

Mrs. Annie Besant, the divorced wife of a clergyman, an atheist for twenty years, succeeded Blavatsky. In 1893 the native leaders in Benares became disgusted with the fraud and broke away. Besant says Theosophy is only Hinduism in a modern dress. Some call it a science; others, a religious philosophy. "A divine law of absolute justice rules the world, so that each man is in truth his own judge, the dispenser of glory or gloom to himself, the decreer of his life, his reward, his punishment." Sin is punished by re-birth into many earth-lives till in the end the soul becomes divine.

They practise "Yoga," a sort of trance, in which sometimes the breath stops, fits and convulsions follow, and signs of demon-possession appear.

In 1895 Mrs. Catherine Tingley left Mrs. Besant and set up an establishment of her own at Point Loma, near San Diego, Cal. She claims to be "not only the greatest person and teacher in the world to-day, but the greatest of all time, the Lord Jesus Christ not excepted." The supreme court ordered her to pay \$118,926 damages to

Mrs. Irene Mohn, of Los Angeles, for alienating the affections of Mr. Mohn.

At the Jubilee Convention at Madras on December 29, 1925, the seventy-eight-year-old president Besant John-the-Baptisted the thirty-year-old Hindu J. Krishnamurti as the reincarnated Christ and Buddha and Messiah, and people prostrated themselves before him. In Sydney, Australia, a huge stone amphitheater has been built for the Coming of the Great World Teacher.

French Theosophists seceded and called this Beau Brummel the "Messiah of the Tennis Racket, or the Tea-hound Messiah."

The entire London Lodge withdrew, also the Czecho-Slovakian society, and leaders in California and New York. — *Milwaukee Sentinel*, Dec. 30, 1925; Jan. 14, 1926. *Literary Digest* for June 26, 1926.

The object of Theosophy is: —

1. To form a Universal Brotherhood of Humanity.
2. To study Aryan literature, religion, and science.
3. To study the laws of Nature and the hidden powers of man.
4. To "tear Christianity to tatters."

Theosophy has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Theosophy.

XIV.

The Bible of Spiritism —

“Liberated souls remain among us as Revealers, as helping divine Teachers, . . . quickening by their spoken words our nascent intuition and by their revelation of truth aiding us to climb more swiftly to the light,” says Annie Besant in the *Theosophical Review*. Mrs. Annie M. Beninghofen, a Jewish Christian of the “New Jerusalem Colony” in Santa Cruz County, California, says, “I have the vision of God.”

When the heaven-crowned King Saul turned from the living God, he turned to the witch of Endor; when men turn from the revelation of the Holy Spirit, they turn to the revelations of unholy spirits.

In 1847 the Fox sisters, at Hydesville, in Western New York, began the modern craze of Spiritualism. The Henry Seybert Commission of the University of Pennsylvania found them frauds. Later one of the sisters showed how they produced the spirit-rappings by the cracking of the joints of their fingers and great toes. And yet Sir Arthur Conan Doyle calls America “the greatest country on earth,” and “the greatest thing in America is the little cottage at Hydesville, N. Y., where modern Spiritualism was born.”

In 1882 the Society for Psychical Research was organized, with Professor Sidgwick as president

and Rev. Stainton Moses as a famous medium. In 1886 Prof. Wm. James experimented with Mrs. Piper and could not tell the source of her knowledge; in a letter to Flourney, in 1908, he calls it automatism.

Time was, and not so long ago, when eminent scientists told us with the air of infallibility that there is no spirit. Now great scientists tell us with the air of infallibility that they talk with spirits. Sir Oliver Lodge, a great scientist, is criticized by fellow-members of the Royal Society because of his belief in Spiritualism.

Arthur Brisbane says in his *To-day*:—

“Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who believes that real spirits talk through mediums and says he can prove it, has been unpleasantly shocked.

“One medium produced a first-class spirit that blew a long brass trumpet most brilliantly. Those who know that it requires actual material lungs and lips to blow a material trumpet will, without surprise, learn that the medium himself was the trumpet-blower. Good Sir Arthur, intensely surprised, has ‘exposed the medium.’ But he still believes in spirits, believes that souls escaped from this earth spend their time in another world sending back foolish messages. The human mind craves wonders — will manufacture them, if necessary — and deceives itself easily.”

Remigius Weiss, of Philadelphia, whom Hou-
Battle of Bible with “Bibles.”

dini regards as an authority on things occult, testified before the House District Committee on Fortune-tellers at Washington on May 18, 1926: "There are no honest clairvoyants except the ones who actually believe what they say; and they are mental degenerates. Conan Doyle is the world's greatest dupe outside of Sir Oliver Lodge."

Mme. Marcia, Washington's most famous fortune-teller, said: "Most of the Senators consult fortune-tellers." Mrs. Jane Coates, head of Spiritualists at Washington, said Mrs. Harding openly visited mediums.

Mrs. Fletcher, wife of the Florida Senator, testified: "Doctors, ministers, government officials, and world-renowned writers have carried on dozens of conversations with spirits, in many of which I myself have taken part."

She talks with her dead father and mother regularly. She has photographed spirits in her own drawing-room.

One photograph snapped the medium against the background of an alcove. "And there was the illuminated trumpet that floated about the room with the grace of a bird; and my father's guitar, a heavy instrument. That was lifted from the floor, played upon by spirit hands, and later deposited on a table."

Telephone, telegraph, and radio "currents may prevent the spirits from penetrating the veil."

Speaking of spiritualistic mediums, Mr. Hou-

dini said: "They are all just alike. I have yet to meet a real medium. Mrs. Beninghofen is the greatest of all of them I have met, and she admits that her work was a fraud."

Milwaukee Sentinel,

May 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 1926.

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Gardone, Italy, June 21, 1926, Gabriele D'Annunzio wrote Milanese piano manufacturers: "Not without trembling I perceived that the shadow of Liszt, who was once a guest here, had entered the instrument and was producing with long immaterial fingers a beautiful rhythmic tempest."

Sir Wm. Crookes experimented with Home and was mystified. "I cannot doubt but that the violence of psychic forces means a corresponding drain on the vital forces."

Dr. Forbes Winslow, Oxford Lecturer on Mental Diseases, of Charing Cross Hospital, said the prevalence of madness owing to Spiritualism was on the increase.

Dr. Wisse, a noted Spiritualist, said: "All testimony received from advanced spirits only shows that Christ was a medium or reformer in Judea; that He is now an advanced spirit in the sixth sphere; but that He never claimed to be God, and does not at present." Gerald Massey, poet and Spiritualist, calls Christ "the greater Medium."

Dr. J. M. Peebles says Paul calls Jesus "a Medium between God and man"!

In 1866 a Spiritualist conference in Providence, R. I., resolved: 1. To abandon all Christian ordinances and worship; 2. to discontinue all Sunday-schools; 3. to denounce sexual tyranny; 4. to affirm that animal food should not be used.

The *Outlines* teach: "Thus by his [man's] intellectual faculties, moral powers, and spiritual nature he is 'God manifest in the flesh.'"

In a Spiritualist book, *Whatever Is, Is Right*, we read that "evil is good." "There's no difference between Herod, the murderer of the babies in Bethlehem, and Christ, the Savior of men." "Christ and the devil are both alike."

T. L. Harris, once a medium, testifies the marriage vow is not binding on the Spiritualistic husband.

Mrs. Woodhull, elected three years in succession as president of the Spiritist Societies, often lectured in favor of free love. "It was the sublime mission of Spiritism to deliver humanity from the thralldom of matrimony and to establish sexual emancipation."

John Duncan Quackenbos of Columbia University condenses one of its writers: "Spiritism makes every man his own Christ and free love the ideal of social happiness."

Spiritism has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Spiritism.

XV.

The Bible of Positivism,

the Religion of Humanity, Human Catholicism, are the writings of Auguste Comte, 1798—1857, who became dissatisfied with his own secular science and made a religion of his own with a creed, a church, a priesthood, a ritual, pilgrimages. "Positive philosophy originates in real science, only that it may end in true religion." It appeals to man as a being logical, practical, and religious; it would harmonize thought, activity, and feeling.

Its Trinity is — Humanity, the World, Space. "The creed shall be science." "We worship humanity." Comte named twelve great men to preside over the twelve months, fifty-two lesser ones over the weeks, and for each day of the year still minor celebrities. Especially in private worship, woman is to be adored. Comte adored his mother, his friend Clotilde de Vaux, and his female housekeeper. He practised "the private worship of the best personification of the true Great Being" — his friend St. Clotilde, to whom he owed his "moral regeneration" and his new religion.

Frederic Harrison denounces "the insolent folly of atheism and also the arid nullity of agnosticism," and denies "the miraculous and supernatural dogmas of Christendom."

J. Radford Thomson says: "Judging from the

tone of such Positivist writers and moralists as George Eliot, there is offered by this earth-born creed no pardon for the past, no peace for the conscience, and therefore little inspiration for future self-denial and devotion, for the benefit of the poor, sinful, and sorrowful sons of men."

Positivism has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Positivism.

XVI.

The Bible of Mormonism

is the *Book of Mormon*, the golden plates of which were given by the angel Moroni, son of Mormon, to Joseph Smith in Cumorah Hill, New York, about 1827. With the plates was a peculiar stone, Urim and Thummim, by the aid of which Smith could translate the plates, thick as tin, 7×8 inches, weighing sixty pounds.

When he was killed at Nauvoo, Ill., June 27, 1844, he had 200,000 followers; most of the first 2,000 converts came from the Baptists.

Brigham Young led 16,000 to Utah, then Mexican soil. He had twenty-six wives and fifty-six children.

Wilford Woodruff "can make scriptures as good as those in the Bible." He had a revelation in 1890 "suspending" polygamy — after the Edmunds Law of 1889 had forbidden it.

"The Mormon Church is the only true church on earth." — *Doctrine and Covenant*.

"He that rejects the priesthood shall be damned." — *Pratt's Works*.

"Adam is the only God with whom we have to do." — *Brigham Young*.

"God Himself was once as we are now and is an exalted Man. . . . And you have got to learn how to be gods yourselves, the same as all gods have done before you." *Journal of Discourses*, VI, 4; comp. 283. These gods practise polygamy "forever and ever."

"We ought to consider the fall of our first parents as one of the great steps to eternal exaltation and happiness." — *Cat.*, chap. 8.

Jesus "was not begotten of the Holy Ghost. And who is the Father? He is the first of the human family." (*Journal*, I, 50.) So Jesus is the son of Adam-god and Mary.

"We say it was Jesus Christ who was married (at Cana to the Marys and Martha), whereby He could see His seed before He was crucified." — (Apostle O. Hyde, *Sermon*.)

"It is in the power of man to keep the law and remain without sin."

"The sectarian doctrine of justification by faith alone has exercised an influence for evil since the early days of Christianity." (*Talmage's Art. of Faith*, p. 120.)

The Mormons give ten per cent. to their Church, and every Mormon man must go out as missionary for a number of years at his own expense.

Mormonism has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Mormonism.

XVII.

The Bible of Swedenborgianism,

or "The New Church," are the works of Emmanuel Swedenborg, born January 29, 1688. In April, 1745, in London, he ate a very hearty dinner, and a man appeared to him and said, "Do not eat so much!" The following night the same man appeared to him and said: "I am God, the Lord, the world's Creator and Redeemer. I have chosen you to explain to men the spiritual meaning of the Holy Scriptures; I shall myself dictate to you what you are to write." Swedenborg talked with the spirits of Luther, Vergil, and others; for a whole year he discussed justification by faith with St. Paul. And still he rejected the central article of Christianity "as wrong as it is senseless, the sole cause" of the darkness in the Christian churches, and he struck all Paul's letters out of the Bible. He rejected the Holy Trinity, the human nature of Christ, the atonement, total depravity, grace. To talk of God's wrath would,

“as it were, turn the stomach and bowels” of the heavenly spirits. There is no resurrection of the body. Between heaven and hell there is a Hades, or purgatory, where souls purge themselves and then go up to heaven or down to hell. From time to time the judge holds court in this Hades to relieve the congested condition. One such judgment took place in the time of Christ. In 1757, in the second one, Swedenborg saw himself with the opened eyes of his spirit.

Whatever else the New Church may have, it has no Savior for the poor sinner, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Swedenborgianism.

XVIII.

The Bible of Christian Science

is *Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mrs. Mary Moss Baker Glover Patterson Eddy, who was divorced from her second husband while she was with Dr. Quimby.

As soon as Dr. Quimby died, in 1865, Mrs. Eddy had a revelation. “In the year 1866 I discovered the science of healing and named it Christian Science. God has been fitting me for many years for the reception of this final revelation.”

Not till 1875 did she publish her *Science and Health*, of which she says: “No human pen or

tongue taught me this science contained in this book." "Students are here instructed in the great mysteries of being, hidden since the foundation of the world."

She got all the ideas and the very name of Christian Science from Dr. Phineas Parkhurst Quimby, the mental healer, with whom she had been from 1862 till his death in 1865.

Here are some of Mrs. Eddy's teachings, from the 404th Edition, 1906:—

"God never created matter"—heaven and earth. (p. 335.)

"A lie" that God formed Adam out of the ground. (p. 524.)

"A myth" that man fell into sin. (p. 530.)

"No final judgment awaits mortals." (p. 291.)

"The theory of three persons in one God suggests heathen gods." (p. 256.)

"Life, Truth, and Love constitute the triune God." (p. 331.)

"Jesus is only a human corporeal concept." (p. 334.)

"Miracles are impossible in Science, and here it takes issue with popular religions"—Christianity. (p. 83.)

"Sin, sickness, or death are unrealities." (p. 472.)

"Man is perfect, even as the Father is perfect." (p. 302.)

“Deliverance from error is not reached by pinning one’s faith to another’s vicarious effort.” (p. 22.)

“One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay the debt of sin. Such theory is man-made.” (p. 23.)

Christian Science has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Christian Science.

XIX.

The Bible of New Thought

is “the voice of the Indwelling Presence, which is our source of Inspiration, Power, Health, and Prosperity.” (*Constitution of the New Thought Alliance*, 1916.)

New Thought is the rediscovery of the inner life. Mind has creative power and reasons its way to the goal till self is lost in God.

New Thought is the title of a little magazine published in 1894 in Melrose, Mass. Other names are: Higher Thought, Higher Life, Home of Truth, Society of Silent Unity, Circle of Divine Ministry, Practical Christianity, Divine Science. It is a pale sister of Christian Science, both begotten by Quimby.

The first New Thought Society with a regular leader and organization in Boston was the Church

of the Higher Life established in 1894. The first convention was held in 1899.

“The purpose of the New Thought is to teach the infinitude of the Supreme One, Divinity of Man, and his Infinite Possibilities through the power of constructive thinking and obedience to the voice of the Indwelling Presence.” (*Constitution.*)

“New Thought teaches men and women only the old common-sense doctrine of self-reliance and belief in the integrity of the universe and of one’s own soul.” (*President’s Annual Address.*)

“New Thought excludes . . . the forgiveness of sins.” (Allen, in Hastings’s *Encycl. of Rel. and Ethics.*)

New Thought has no Christ, and so our Bible is in battle with the Bible of New Thought.

XX.

The Bible of Russellism,

or Millennial Dawnism, or the “International Bible Students,” are the six volumes of *Studies in the Scriptures*, “not merely comments on the Bible, but they are practically the Bible itself,” by Charles F. Russell, divorced by his wife for unmanly conduct and gross familiarities with other women and declared a fraud by the courts of Canada and Pennsylvania.

Before His birth, Jesus was a creature. (Vol. I, pp. 177—179. 188.)

“As chief of the angels and next to the Father he was known as the archangel, whose name Michael signifies ‘Who as God,’ or ‘God’s representative.’ ”

This is worse than Arianism and Unitarianism, condemned in the Nicene Creed in 325.

After His birth, Jesus was a mere man, with only a human nature, not the God-man with the human and the divine natures in a personal union. (Series I, pp. 179. 180. 184.)

Of course, the atonement of Jesus was that of a mere man. (*Study IX.*)

The Bible says the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

Feed the flock of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood. Acts 20, 28.

The body of Jesus was not raised from the dead. (Series II, 125—130.)

“His human existence ended on the cross. . . . We know nothing about what became of it [His body]. Whether it was dissolved into gases . . . no one knows. The man Jesus is dead — forever dead. . . . Suffered everlasting destruction. . . . No longer a human being in any sense.”

The soul sleeps with the dead body and gets a second chance in the millennium; if it then rejects Christ, it will be annihilated.

Russell calls everlasting punishment the doctrine of devils, although Christ clearly teaches it in Matt. 25, 26.

In October, 1874, Jesus returned to earth. (Vol. II, 187. 199. 234—245.)

“In the spring of 1878 all the holy apostles and other ‘overcomers’ of the Gospel age who slept in Jesus were raised spirit beings, like unto their Lord and Master. . . . The Lord Jesus and the risen saints already here [are] engaged in the great harvest-work.”

“The spring of 1878 marks the date when the nominal church systems were ‘spewed out’ (Rev. 3, 16), and from that time (A. D. 1878) they are not the mouthpieces of God nor in any degree recognized by Him.”

The end of the age came in October, 1914. (Vol. II, 234; III, 153.)

The International Bible Students are very zealous missionaries, and they are very active in spreading their literature at very small cost. They print a picture of Luther and of Russell and brazenly say Russell is the man prophesied by Luther “that God will awaken a Noah.”

They have no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Russellism.

XXI.

The Bible of Freemasonry

is, practically, Mackey's *Encyclopedia*; for it has been endorsed by all the Grand Lodges of the United States. It teaches: "Masonry is a religion. It is not Christianity; it does not claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life; it supplies no scheme of redemption for sin. Its religion is that general one of nature. Its creed consists of two articles: First, a belief in God, the Creator of all things, who is therefore recognized as the Grand Architect of the Universe; and secondly, a belief in the eternal life, to which this present life is but a preparatory and probationary state. All unite in declaring it to be a system of morality, by the practise of which its members may advance their spiritual interest and mount by the theological ladder from the Lodge on earth to the Lodge in heaven."

Freemasonry has no Savior, and our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Freemasonry.

XXII.

The Bible of Modernism

is the body of our Bible without the soul. It is human literature, without divine inspiration. It gives a human teacher to be admired, but no divine Savior to be adored.

It gives a son of man, who gave himself an example for us, but no Son of God, who gave Himself a ransom for us. It gives a model for living, but no Savior for dying. Like Judas, it kisses and betrays. With weazel words it sucks out of the Bible the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, which cleanseth us from all sin.

"I noticed that you spent the best of your time and laid the stronger emphasis on the character and the teachings of Christ. May I suggest that you rather lay stress on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? For it is these two points that make our Gospel-message distinctive and entirely different from all messages of other religions."

The plain Chinese pastor was right, the cultivated American Dr. Sherwood Eddy was wrong.

Modernism has no Savior, and so our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Modernism.

XXIII.

The Bible of Evolutionism

is Darwin's *Origin of Species*. Darwin teaches that from the Old World monkeys, "at a remote period of time, man, the wonder and glory of the universe, proceeded." (*Descent of Man*, 2d ed., pp. 220. 221.)

H. G. Wells writes "man is descended from some manlike ape, as the chimpanzee, the orang-

utan, or the gorilla. Others say that man is descended from the common ancestor of the chimpanzee, the orang-utan, and the gorilla. It was formerly assumed that the human ancestor was 'probably arboreal,' but the current idea among those who are qualified to form an opinion seems to be that he was a 'ground ape.' " (*Outline*, p. 61.)

"The entire fabric of Christianity . . . collapsed like a house of cards." (Vol. 4, pp. 1109. 1110.)

According to our Bible we are the children of Adam, who was the son of God. Luke 3, 38. "Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?" Mal. 2, 10.

And we Christians are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ. And if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Rom. 8, 17; Gal. 3, 26.

Darwinism has no Savior, and so our Bible is in battle with the Bible of Evolutionism.

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Max Mueller testifies: "In the discharge of my duties for forty years as Professor of Sanskrit in the University of Oxford I have devoted as much time as any man living to the study of the Sacred Books of the East, and I found the one keynote — the one diapason, so to speak — of all these so-called sacred books, whether it be the Veda of the Brahmins, the Puranas of Siva and Vishnu, the Koran of the Mohammedans, the

Zend-Avesta of the Parsees, the Tripitaka of the Buddhists — the one refrain through all — salvation by works. They all say that salvation must be purchased, must be bought with a price, and that the sole price, the sole purchase-money, must be our own works and deservings. Our own holy Bible, our Sacred Book of the East, is from beginning to end a protest against this doctrine. Good works are, indeed, enjoined upon us in that sacred Book of the East; but they are only the outcome of a grateful heart—they are only a thank-offering, the fruits of our faith. They are never the ransom-money of the true disciples of Christ. Let us not shut our eyes to what is excellent and true and of good report in these sacred books, but let us teach Hindus, Buddhists, Mohammedans, that there is only one sacred book of the East that can be their mainstay in that awful hour when they pass all alone into the unseen world. It is the sacred book which contains that faithful saying, worthy to be received of all men, women, and children, and not merely of us Christians, that Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

Yes, Christ says: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11, 28.

And we say: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." John 6, 68. 69. Amen.



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